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## ROBERT JOHANNA SORENSEN

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 165]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 165) for the relief of Robert Johanna Sorensen, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

#### AMENDMENT

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws, Robert Johanna Sorensen shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this act, upon payment of the required visa fee and head tax. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such alien as provided for in this act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Robert Johanna Sorensen. The bill provides for appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 34-year-old native and citizen of Denmark who last entered the United States on February 25, 1948.

as a visitor. He has two brothers engaged in farming near Minot, N. Dak., and he resides with Soren Sorenson, one of the brothers. Both brothers have given assurances that if permitted to remain in this country the beneficiary of the bill will not become a public charge.

A letter dated June 8, 1949, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Assistant to the Attorney General, with reference to S. 742, which was a bill introduced in the Eighty-first Congress for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, June 8, 1949.

Hon. PAT McCARRAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,*  
*United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 742) for the relief of Robert Johanna Sorensen, an alien.

The bill would provide that in the administration of the immigration laws Robert Johanna Sorensen, of Minot, N. Dak., shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of his last entry into this country, upon payment of the required head tax and visa fee. The bill would also direct the Secretary of State to instruct the quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate immigration quota.

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that the alien was born at Engstrup, Denmark, on May 8, 1916, and is a native and citizen of that country. He arrived at the port of New York on February 25, 1948, on the steamship *Gripsholm* and was admitted as a temporary visitor for 6 months under section 3 (2) of the Immigration Act of 1924, to visit his brothers in North Dakota. Since that time he has been living with them and assisting on their farms. They are furnishing him with board and room and spending money. The alien is considered as having overstayed the period of his temporary admission and on August 23, 1948, a warrant of arrest in deportation proceedings was issued against him charging that he has remained in the United States after failing to maintain the exempt status of visitor under which he was admitted. On January 24, 1949, he was found subject to deportation but was granted 60 days to depart voluntarily in lieu of deportation. The alien's brothers, who reside near Minot, N. Dak., apparently are prosperous farmers, and both have given assurances that if permitted to remain in this country, their brother will not become a public charge.

The quota for Denmark to which the alien is chargeable is oversubscribed and a visa is not readily obtainable, but the record fails to disclose sufficient reason to justify granting a preference to him over other persons who are chargeable to the quota for Denmark.

Accordingly, this Department is unable to recommend enactment of the bill.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,  
*The Assistant to the Attorney General.*

Senator William Langer, the author of the bill, has submitted the following affidavit in connection with the case:

#### AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,  
County of Ward, ss:

Soren Sorenson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a farmer living at Minot, N. Dak., and has been for 20 years; that he is a brother of Robert Johannes Sorenson and Lars Daniel Sorenson, both of whom were admitted to the United States, February 5, 1948, under and by virtue of Denmark passports; that the brothers, Robert and Lars, have been and now are living on this affiant's farm at Minot, N. Dak.; that during the period of time from February 1948 to the present time Lars and Robert Sorenson have lived with either this affiant or another brother, Swen Sorenson who is also engaged in farming.

That neither Robert nor Lars Sorenson have been gainfully employed, that is to say, neither one of them have been paid wages for their work; that both Robert and Lars have been supplied with food, clothing, shelter, medical attention, and

tobacco by either this affiant or Swen Sorenson, their other brother; that the boys have assisted with the farm work but have never been paid wages; this was in accordance with the instructions when they entered the United States and that neither any brother nor anyone else have paid them wages; that this affiant knows of his own personal knowledge that neither Robert Johannes Sorenson nor Lars Daniel Sorenson have engaged in any activity politically or otherwise injurious to American public interest;

This affiant knows of his own personal knowledge that neither Robert Johanna Sorensen or Lars Daniel Sorensen has been convicted of any offense either Federal or State either in the United States of America or in Denmark;

Robert Johanna Sorensen and Lars Daniel Sorensen will continue to live at the homes of this affiant and the other brother, Sven Sorensen and will not be paid wages by either of us, but we will continue to see that they are supplied with the necessities of life.

Dated at Minot, N. Dak., this 14th day of March, 1949.

SOREN SORENSEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March 1949.

[SEAL]

ELLA VAN BERKOM HOLMES,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires March 22, 1949.

The bill has been amended to conform with the policy of the committee in granting permanent residence in the United States to an alien as of the date of the adjustment rather than as of the date of last entry into the United States.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 165), as amended, should be enacted.

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